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## Southeast Asia

## Vietnamese Strengthen Control Along Kampuchean-Thai Border

The Vietnamese are establishing forward bases in territory along the Thai border captured from Democratic Kampuchean forces during the ongoing dry-season campaign. [REDACTED]

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In Battambang Province, the scene of heavy fighting in recent months, the Vietnamese reportedly are conscripting Kampuchean civilians for road construction, moving supplies into forward areas, and relocating villagers away from the border. [REDACTED]

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The Vietnamese also have reopened Battambang airfield, located only about 80 kilometers from the Thai border. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Vietnamese evidently want to maintain an aggressive posture going into the coming rainy season in an attempt to forestall strengthening of the resistance forces' position. During last year's wet season, Democratic Kampuchean forces made substantial improvements in strength, organization, and areas of control, and Hanoi probably fears that any easing of Vietnamese pressure could result in similar gains this year. The recent Vietnamese moves will not only facilitate continuing military operations, but also greatly enhance logistic support for units planning to remain along the border. [REDACTED]

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